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Officers, Amendments On April 30 Ballot

The eighteenth roster of officers of the OPC will be chosen at next week's annual Club meeting. President *Wayne Richardson* will call the meeting to order Tues., Apr. 30, at 7:30 p.m.

In addition to the election of officers, the order of business includes voting on four amendments to the Club's Constitution; election of seven members and four alternates to the Board of Governors, and reports from the 1956-57 officers and standing committees.

Voting will be completed by 8:30 p.m.

Election Judges' chairman *James Sheldon* has announced that new polling procedures are expected to make the results known before midnight, in contrast to last year's 4:30 a.m. adjournment.

Amendments to be offered for the membership's approval or disapproval would: tighten admission requirements; require unanimous consent of the Board of Governors to transfer an Associate member to active status; waive dues for past Club presidents, and require thirty-five rather than twenty-five signatures on amendment petitions.

Secretary *Will Yolen* has urged that reports be "briefly written and to the point." Short typed reports may be read at the meeting by the particular chairman, or by a clerk, if the chairman cannot be present, Yolen said.

The Dining Room will be set up to serve dinner.

Election Chairman Sheldon urged all active members to attend the meeting, even though they may have already voted by mail. He pointed out that tie votes must be resolved by the active members present.

At press time, 300, or more than one quarter of the mail ballots, had been returned by overseas and other absent members, Sheldon said.

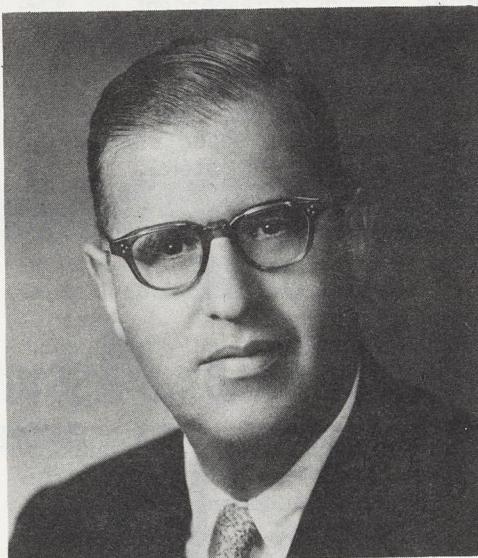
Last year about sixty per cent of the eligible members voted. Sheldon urged a larger turnout this year.

In detail, the four proposed amendments would accomplish the following:

1. A tightening of the requirements for admission of new members to the OPC. Under terms of the proposed change active membership would require two years of continuous or inter-

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TO BE OPC GUEST APR. 25



Ambassador of Israel *Abba Eban*, who will be guest of the OPC at luncheon April 25. He is also Israel's permanent representative at the United Nations.

ELECTION NOTICE

Active members voting by mail are again reminded that ONLY ballots mailed in the OFFICIAL NUMBERED ENVELOPES can be counted. Do not use personal envelopes. The By-Laws allow no exception on this point.

If you failed to receive your ballot and official envelope, or if you are one of a few who have already returned ballots in other than official envelopes, you can apply for a new ballot up to the hour of the Annual Meeting on Apr. 30, by stating in writing that you have not yet cast a valid ballot. In such event, the serial number originally assigned to you will be declared invalid, and a new number will be issued, as provided in the rules.

Club Calendar

Tues., April 23 - Open House - Details to be announced.

Thurs., April 25 - Luncheon - Ambassador of Israel and permanent U.N. representative *Abba Eban*. 12:30 p.m. Members and guest. Reservations.

Thurs., April 25 - Book Evening - *Go South to Sorrow* by Carl T. Rowan. (See story, p. 3.)

Fri., May 3 - Special OPC Screening - MGM's "Something of Value" by Robert Ruark. 8:30 p.m. Reservations at OPC.

MEDALLIONS, MAGAZINE MARK 1957 DINNER RESERVATIONS NEAR CAPACITY

Reservations for the OPC Annual Awards Dinner-Dance at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel May 6 are approaching the capacity mark, chairman *Cornelius Ryan* announced this week.

Ryan also announced, that a tradition will be inaugurated at this year's affair when gold medallions are presented to past presidents of the Club. Each medallion has a replica of the OPC insignia in the Club's colors of blue and gold. A neck ribbon of the same colors will allow recipients to wear their badges of honor at all official Club functions.

Scheduled to be honored May 6 is former British Prime Minister *Winston Churchill* who was voted honorary life membership in the OPC last year. A British official will accept a gold membership card for Mr. Churchill at the dinner.

According to the editorial staff, the first issue of *Dateline*, the new Club magazine which will be issued at the dinner, will contain at least seventy-two pages and four-color cover, instead of the forty-eight pages and cover originally announced.

Norwood F. Allman, chairman of the Invitations and Seating Sub-committee, urges all members planning to attend the dinner to apply for space immediately, before the books are closed. He emphasizes that his committee must have the names of all members' guests by Tues., Apr. 23, to include them in the official seating list.

For the first time, this year award winners will be seated on the dais.

The new arrangement has been made possible as the names of the winners will be announced prior to the dinner.

Among those invited as honor guests are New York Governor *Averell Harriman*, Mayor *Robert F. Wagner* and publishers as well as leading figures in journalism. Invitations have also gone out to major federal government officials.

Immediately following the presentation of awards, scheduled for 10:00 p.m., and until 1:00 a.m., there will be dancing in the small ballroom adjoining the Grand Ballroom. Music will be provided by Ben Cutler's orchestra.

The guest speaker at the dinner will be announced next week.



OVERSEAS TICKER



MOSCOW

Best news in a long time for American correspondents was the announcement that henceforth the ruble exchange rate would be ten to the dollar...for non-commercial transactions. Other currencies were also boosted up to 150%. The basic rate remains four rubles to the dollar, but an additional six rubles will be given as a "premium".

This means that a pound of oranges now costs 75¢ instead of \$1.85; a lemon drops to 30¢ instead of 75¢; eggs are now only \$1.40 for ten. Biggest bargain is still a haircut - only 19¢ plus tip.

Unfortunately for the accountants in the home offices, the new rate doesn't apply to cable and telephone tolls. These still must be paid at the four to one rate. But the "premium" rubles are expected to stimulate tourist trade, especially from the hard currency countries.

For a brief period last week, practically all our womenfolk had fled Moscow leaving behind a lonely lot of correspondents. Of the seven officially accredited wives, five were out of the country and two were preparing to leave. Nina Stevens, *Look*, off to Rome; Margie Norton, *Baltimore Sun*, and Carol Cutler, *N.Y. Herald Tribune*, shopping in Stockholm; Evelyn Milks, AP, already in the U.S. on home leave with Heinie; Eleanor Jorden, *N.Y. Times*, also in the States to have a baby. Preparing to depart for New York to have babies are Betsy Essoyan, AP, and Margit Bassow, UP.

Whitman Bassow

BERLIN

Russell Hill, Berlin bureau chief for Radio Free Europe, gave a party at his home in Berlin Zehlendorf for the Foreign Press Ass'n., of which he is a past president. Attending were OPCers Seymour and Mrs. Topping, AP, Gary and Mrs. Stindt, NBC, as well as newly-

THE OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB Officers and Board

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proposed members Jerry and Mrs. Main, INS, and Ed DeFontaine, AFN.

Many others of the foreign press colony of both East and West Berlin were present. They included Otto Frei, *Neue Zuercher Zeitung*, president of the Foreign Press Ass'n., Guy Hadley, BBC, who has just moved into a new house in Grunewald, Marian Podkowinski, travelling foreign correspondent for Warsaw's *Trybuna Ludu* and other members of the Russian, Polish, Czech and assorted Iron Curtain press. A *Pravda* correspondent and his *Tass* colleague kidded each other about sharing the hospitality of an RFE official.

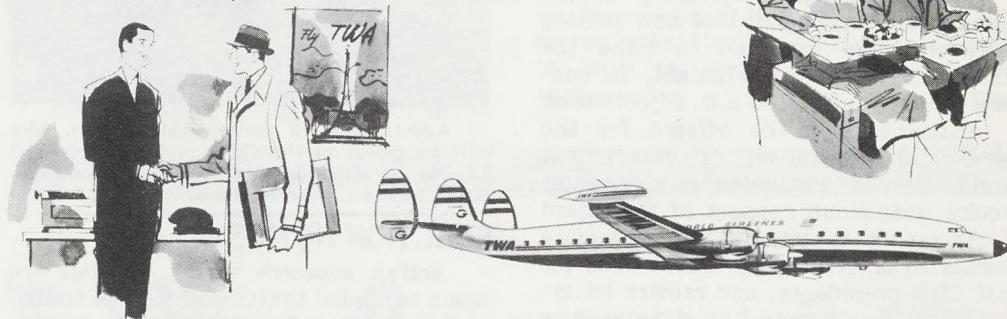
Paul Moor of the *Reporter* and *Harper's* back in Berlin after a Stateside visit...Enroute through Berlin to Poland: Ned Burks of the *Baltimore Sun*...A new assignment for Charles H. "Chuck" Klensch: from INS correspondent in Moscow for three years to diplomatic correspondent for INS in London. After several weeks winding up a background series in Berlin, he'll fly to Britain with wife, Copper, and 4-month-old Elizabeth. ...Gene Kramer, AP Tokyo correspondent, here on a European junket after the first SAS Tokyo-Copenhagen flight via the North Pole. Thence to Rome.

The 1956 OPC Awards winners will be announced in the next issue of *The Overseas Press Bulletin*, according to Larry Newman, chairman of the Awards Committee.

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DATELINE WASHINGTON

Anne Williams Wheaton was given a congratulation party at the National Press Club on Apr. 18. She takes over her duties as Associate Presidential Press Secretary May 1. Alice Johnson, president of the Women's National Press Club and Ben Grant, president of the National Press Club, comprised the committee.

Edward R. Murrow, CBS; Roscoe Drummond, *N.Y. Herald Tribune*; Marquis Childs, *St. Louis Post Dispatch*; and James Reston, Washington bureau chief of *The N.Y. Times*, discussed world and national affairs at the Advertising Council conference and found themselves remarkably in agreement.

Vice President Nixon introduced past president of the National Press Club Frank Holeman at a luncheon when he reported on his African trip to the Club members and guests. Holeman, *N.Y. Daily News*, was one of twenty-six correspondents who accompanied the Vice President on his tour of Africa.

Holeman caused great excitement when he showed up at a native affair in Ghana, wearing a blue-red-orange sport shirt. The six-foot, seven-inch Holeman towered over everyone. It was learned later from fellow correspondents that the ceremony sub-chief, dressed in a robe not nearly so colorful as Holeman's shirt, wanted to know if he were a chief in America. Fellow newsmen assured the sub-chief that Holeman was a big chief in Washington, without giving any details.

Frank Mitchell has been named director of the British Information Services here succeeding the late Charles H. Campbell. Mitchell was in the Chicago office of BIS.

Andrew H. Berding has taken over as

INTEGRATION WILL BE SUBJECT WHEN ROWAN BOOK DISCUSSED

The subject of racial integration will have its first thorough airing at the OPC Apr. 25 when a panel discusses Carl T. Rowan's book, "Go South to Sorrow." The program has been arranged by the Memorial Library Committee headed by Anita Diamant Berke.

Rowan, who at the age of thirty is the only newspapermen ever to win three consecutive awards from Sigma Delta Chi for his coverage of the Bandung Conference and India, as well as of school segregation cases pending before the Supreme Court, attempts in his new book to show what has happened since the Supreme Court ruling on the subject in May, 1954.

Author of *South of Freedom* and *The Pitiful and the Proud*, Rowan was asked by the U.S. Department of State to help interpret America to Asians by lecturing on "The Role of the Newspaper in Social Change."

John F. McCaffery will be the moderator of the discussion which will be preceded by a reception at 6:30 and dinner at 7:15 p.m.

Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs from Carl W. McCordle, resigned. McCordle has accepted a position as special assistant to the board chairman of Penn-Texas Corp.

Murray Snyder, former Assistant Presidential Secretary, is the new Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs.

Lyle C. Wilson, UP vice president and head of the bureau here, is recuperating nicely following a heart attack.

Col. Ed Kirby has been named public relations director of The People-to-People Foundation, Inc. Jessie Stearns

"Exclusive!" Needs Stories

Story suggestions, in the form of anecdotes or personal experiences from one paragraph to twenty-five pages, are sought for "EXCLUSIVE!" the OPC TV show.

Although the locale was restricted to Europe in the first thirteen films, the next twenty-six stories may be set anywhere in the world.

The story contributions should be distinctive to foreign correspondence, and have a strong dramatic core, impact and broad significance.

Under the terms of the contract, the author receives \$500 and a percentage of theater income. The Club also receives remuneration.

Material should be sent to Gene Feldman, Radiant Productions, Inc., 68 William Street, New York 5.

JAPAN TOUR LEAVES JULY 15

A reminder for members going to Japan —

OPC tour leaves New York July 15 for a month's look at Japan's pleasures politics and industries. Cost of entire trip will be about \$1,500, half of the cost of a trip planned independently.

Members planning to go with the tour, and have not yet done so, must inform Special Events Committee chairman *David Shefrin* at once by leaving a message at the OPC.

Louis Messolonghites, King Features Syndicate, and his wife, Louisa, *The Reporter* magazine, fly to Rome Apr. 26 for a five-week trip through Italy, France, and Britain.

William E. Barlow, *Vision*, was in Caracas for the magazine's new "regional inserts" program.

FIESTA, GAIETY AND SPIRITS REIGN AT PAN AMERICA DINNER...



Charles Richman (left), hauls off a six months' supply of Cuban bananas, his door prize at OPC's gay Pan America Night Apr. 9. Adding to the atmosphere of the party was Senorita Myrta Esteves (center), famed Puerto Rican dancer, who performed romantic tango. Plenty of sweet stuff for the Greenes, as Peter Greene, who won the



last door prize, takes away his Cuban sugar. The party marked the last of the season programmed regularly by the Regional Dinners Committee under the chairmanship of Joseph C. Peters. Other parties during the year honored Puerto Rico, Sweden, British West Indies, Norway, Korea, Belgium and Ireland.



Photos Ann Meuer

Latin America:

THERE ARE NO LIBEL LAWS IN PANAMA

by Albert S. Keshen

Because of the "big ditch," the small republic of Panama is of more than passing interest to Americans. Thus, when I had a chance to view the goings on there while with the U.S. Air Force at Albrook Field in the Canal Zone during World War II, I stuck my nose around curiously at every opportunity.

What interested me most was the comparison between journalistic practices in the States and in the Land of the Iguanas. This chance came when I was offered a part-time copy desk job on the morning *Star-Herald*. Although I was already on the staff of *The Runway*, an Army weekly, and was also editing a U.S.O. Bulletin, I accepted the offer from the Panama paper to sit "on the rim" from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

The *Star-Herald* owes its existence to American enterprise. It is the aftermath of the *Star of Panama*, a weekly, founded in 1849 by California gold-seekers who were stranded on the Isthmus. While they waited for boat transportation, they spent their time putting out a gazette for the crowds sweating it out in that tropical climate. The title and rights were purchased in the 1850's by a French Haitian family, the Duques, who still own it.

The editorship was then under Alberto McGeachey, born in Panama of Scotch-Irish parents. He's now retired. The city editor is Luis Norli, a native Panamanian, who also represents the AP.

Newspapermen from the States are puzzled when they get there and find few reporters, no libel laws and a city room which resembles a crossroads puzzle with the Spanish speaking newspapermen on one side and the English speaking newspapermen on the other. Both sides are at odds with each other frequently with gestures and gutturals which may appear threatening to outsiders. But it represents only the Latin element-expressing itself vociferously, and the American-appearing formal and non-plussed.

In Canal Zone

There are no district men in the Canal Zone since this vital territory is a military enclave, which contains only governmental institutions. The releases are prepared by Rufus Hardy, authorized public relations consultant. Yet, in the best manner of the newspaper tradition, social and fraternal groups have their representatives call with news of their organizations which they are anxious to see in print. While I was huddled with McGeachey one evening, a man and woman from the Zone entered the city room angrily and inquired why news of

their organization had not been in the paper. Mr. McGeachey retorted in a familiar tone, "Why doesn't somebody tell us about these things?"

The old rules of journalism hold good there as they do here. Fraternal and social groups want to get their news in the paper; the paper is anxious to print it because it means good copy and increased circulation. Yet the publicity chairmen or chairwomen forget to mail or phone it in, and the city editor gets it in the neck from the irate group leaders. That is nothing new as far as newspaper work is concerned.

Panama's Fourth of July

Panama newspapers publish extra-size special editions each year, in August, on the anniversary of the opening of the Panama Canal in 1914, and on November 3, which represents the Panamanian Fourth of July. It was on that date the small republic won its independence from Colombia in 1903 at the cost of only one life -- when a stray bullet in Colon harbor hit a Chinese passerby. Civic, social and educational leaders write special articles on the past, present and future of the republic and the paid revenue is enough to tickle the heart of any director of advertising in either the U.S. or Panama.

One of these special writers was Pete Brennan, considered the best penman on the Isthmus. He was the *Time* and *Life* correspondent but earned most of his bread and keep as a U.S. marshal. Brennan wrote a column which appeared frequently in the *Star-Herald* called "Through the Looking Glass." Instead of using a by-line, he had his name at the bottom of his stuff in lower case, thus: pete brennan.

The crusades the Panama newspaper conducted may sound a little queer to Americans, but they are vital to the reading public. The *Star-Herald* came out strongly for the construction of a *fabrica* (manufacturing plant) of cement which Panama needed badly. Cement is highly prized in Latin America because the raw material is close by and provides cool housing. The paper also waxed highly indignant over a trigger-happy American rookie sentry who shot a Panamanian farmer by mistake. This incident was finally smoothed over with the payment of a high indemnity to the deceased's family. The papers, incidentally, are vigorous in their attempts to have the rich natural resources of their country cultivated, and claim that there is much more to their land than a world-famous waterway.

At first glance most Latin Americans look alike, on the Leo Carillo model. I

fell a victim of this lack of making the differentiation through a colleague, known as "Fats," a native of Chile and a scholar in his own country. "Fats" works on the Spanish desk of the *Star-Herald*, and once while at the Hotel Central bar inbibing beer, I endeavored to get into conversation with him. However, he shied off, probably imagining me to be a *loco hombre*. It finally developed that he was a brother of "Fats" and then offered to buy me a drink.

Some of the prominent newspapermen I met there were Dick Armstrong of the INS (now deceased) who had been their Havana correspondent since 1931 and sent to Panama because of the war emergency; Charles Engelke of the UP; and Crede Calhoun who was string correspondent for *The New York Times* but was then a government employee in the Canal Zone Administration Building in Balboa.

The cosmopolitan nature of the reading public provides variegated fare to Panamanian reporters and editors. Besides the few remaining Spanish families, who are on top and practically rule the country, there are Indians (particularly the colorful squat San Blas); *mestizos*, who are a combination of Spanish and Indian; *zombos*, who are a combination of Negroes and Indians; and West Indian negroes, who were brought in in large numbers to supply most of the construction work of the canal. The papers run a special news column for the West Indians who generally do not assimilate with the rest of the population.

There is a large influx of Latin Americans who trickle in from neighboring countries in addition to our own citizens, who are attracted to fat-paying government jobs in the Zone but who are constantly homesick for the States. This is a reading public which would make a stateside editor tear his hair -- but McGeachy and Norli took it in their stride and turned out sheets which were a credit to their country.

Favorite Newsboy

The favorite newsboy of our section of the Zone was a Jamaican Negro lad of some ten summers known as the "Panama Kid." Sometimes he failed to leave the paper at the barracks punctually, and when we inquired as to his derelictions he would simply scratch his head and plead loss of memory. Finally he failed to come around at all and what may have been his older and more experienced brother took over the route.

Since help was just as scarce there as here, the circulation managers had their own troubles getting enough news-

boys to take care of the demand. When the *Star-Herald* came out with a 120 pt. streamer in red ink, SIEGFRIED LINE BROKEN, circulation zoomed but there weren't enough boys around to sell the papers and much of it had to be turned in as waste.

In Panama, moreover, the turnover of experienced newsmen is not as great as here. Sometimes a man who has come down to work for the United Fruit Company or a governmental agency may suddenly get tired of his job and walk into one of the papers. Such a person was a friend of mine, Howard Littlefield, who came down as an employee of the Shipping Board and wound up in the *Star-Herald* news room. He finally returned home where he succumbed to a disease which he had acquired in Panama — those were the days before the present sanitation precautions were thoroughly effective. McGeachy still remembers him as "that tall Georgian."

Since Latin Americans watch our relations with Panama as a weather vane of the Good Neighbor policy, the Panamanian Newspapers aid in cementing the bonds between Uncle Sam and the small republic.

The *Star-Herald*'s front page motto is "For the good that lacks assistance, for the good that I can do," while the afternoon *Panama-American* carries on its front page a slogan created by Abraham Lincoln, "Let the people know the truth and the country is safe." Both papers are outstanding examples of the close intermingling of America and Panama.

Albert Keshen began his career working on newspapers in New Jersey. His World War II experience was preceded by a stint as owner of a suburban weekly.

After the war he switched to business journalism, going with Fairchild Publications' New York office. Then working as field editor for a Chicago publishing group he learned press photography.

He became ALBERT S. KESHEN editor of a national business magazine, then travelled throughout Latin America looking for subjects. He is at present free-lancing for a group of business publications.



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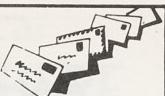
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Dear Editor,

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A number of members have asked my approval of sending out a brochure or letter in the interest of my candidacy for president of the Overseas Press Club.

This letter to *The Overseas Press Bulletin* is to express my appreciation of such efforts but also to explain that I feel ample space was provided in the Election Supplement of *The Bulletin* several weeks ago for each candidate for each office to set forth his or her background, qualifications and contributions to the Club.

Each candidate, myself included, would be delighted and honored to serve the Club but I believe that at election time, in an organization such as ours, the established record of each candidate should speak for itself and that the best interests of the Club are served by refraining from the issuance of printed electioneering material.

With so many excellent candidates for all offices, the OPC is assured of another most successful year.

Fraternally yours,
Cecil Brown
New York

John Blake, formerly with UP in Madrid, visited Venezuela for the first time since replacing Harvey Rosenhouse

AT OPC . . .



Ann Meuer

Former Assistant Secretary of State Howard H. Sergeant and his wife, actress Myrna Loy, during a visit to the OPC Apr. 2. Sergeant is president of the American Committee for Liberation. He addressed the Club preceding a panel discussion on Soviet affairs marking the fourth anniversary of Radio Liberation.

as *Time* correspondent for Central America, the Caribbean area, Venezuela, Colombia and Ecuador. Rosenhouse was transferred to *Time's* domestic operation prior to definite reassignment. Blake will live and headquartered in Panama. Rosenhouse had centered in Guatemala.

OFFICERS (Continued from page 1)

mittent overseas employment as a journalist.

Also eligible for active membership under the change would be overseas correspondents who are presently employed as "full-time staffers on verified long-term assignments" regardless of their length of service.

Associate membership would require (1) that the applicant, if he has a total of only three years of news experience, be a working journalist at time of application; or (2) that the applicant must have had ten years of work as a newsman in the past.

2. A reduction in the number of days required in the submission of a proposed amendment for the Board of Governors and an increase in the number of active members' signatures required. Under the proposal, amendments would have to be submitted at least 20 instead of 40 days prior to a semi-annual or annual meeting and would have to be submitted in writing by thirty-five instead of twenty-five members.

Then proposed amendments would be submitted for discussion at the next semi-annual meeting or annual meeting. And three weeks later ballots and an impartial digest of the discussion at the meeting would be sent to members.

There would be no change in a two-thirds vote being necessary for adoption of an amendment.

3. An amendment to waive for life the dues of all past presidents of the Club in appreciation of their work and efforts while in office.

4. An amendment to grant the Board the right to promote an Associate member to an Active member in recognition of extraordinarily meritorious services over an extended period. Such promotions would require the unanimous consent of the entire Board and would be limited to two in any single year.

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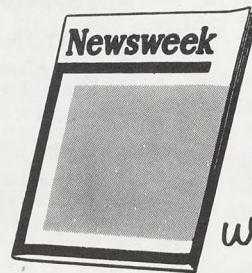
LIBRARY

The Library Committee reports the addition of the following volumes to the OPC Memorial Library: *As France Goes*, by David Schoenbrun (Harper and Brothers); *Life of St. Patrick*, by Quentin Reynolds; *Seeing Europe with Young People*, by Mary Parker (Prentice-Hall); *The Hidden Persuaders*, by Vance Packard (David McKay); *The Innocent Ambassadors*, by Philip Wylie (Rinehart and Co.); and *Big Old Sun*, by Robert Faherty (G.P. Putnam's Sons).

Anita Diamant Berke

United States Commissioner of Internal Revenue Russell C. Harrington was guest of the OPC at luncheon Apr. 11.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer A. Wilfred May reports that Club food business in March was good, with dollar sales 17% ahead of February and 40% more than in March 1956.

Beverage sales in March showed an increase of 9% over March of last year.

Particularly satisfactory was the dollar volume from special functions, the number of covers being 40% ahead of February and 50% above March of last year.

As of the end of the month there were only two credit accounts delinquent, May reported.

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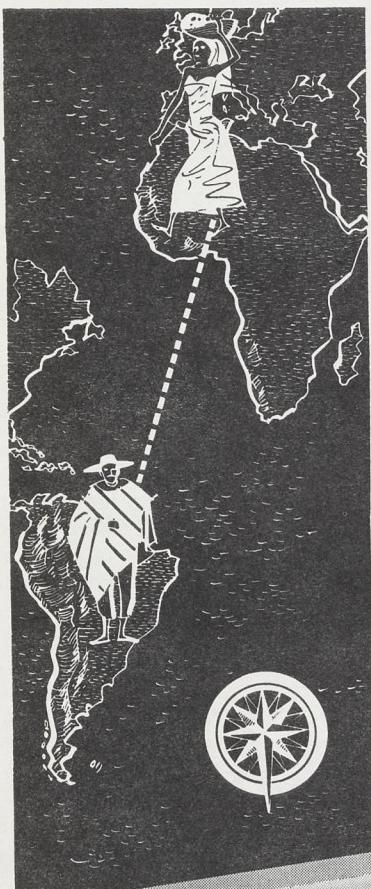
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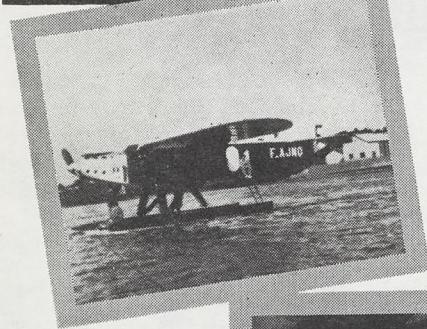
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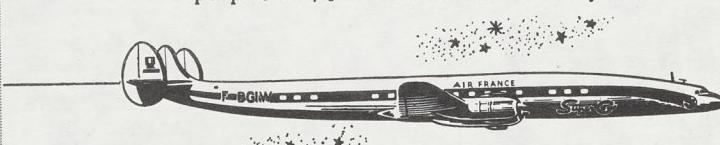
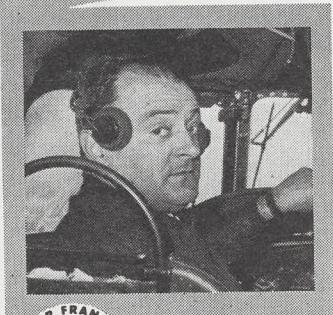
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